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HONGKONG, FEBRUARY 12th, 1897.

THE LATTER ADDRESS BY MR. HUANG CHUN-HSIEN

TO SIR CECIL C. SMITH, and reproduced

in another column, ought to serve

as a solemn warning to the British Govern-

ment against ever permitting the appoint-

ment of a Chinese Consul in this colony.

It has been deemed that Singapore being

situated at some distance from China, the

appointment of a Chinese Consul there

was unquestionable, if not indeed advisable.

Even, however, we find the Consulate

being used as an agency for the collection

of revenue by irregular means. How much

greater therefore would be the danger of

similar occurrences in Hongkong, which

is in immediate contiguity to the province

of the reports that have led the German Gov-
ernment to refuse to accept his appointment
as Minister to this Court. He says the tax
was not, as represented, a compulsory one,
and that from beginning to end, the money
has never been in his own hands, having
been deposited to await instructions. All
this may be so, and the odium which has
fallen on Mr. HUANG may be unjustified by
any personal delinquency on his part, but
the circumstances unmistakably point to the
inconvenience of allowing Chinese Consuls
in British colonies where there is any
possibility of irregular taxation being levied.

Mr. HUANG's letter leaves a good deal un-
explained and for the clearing up of the
whole matter we must await Sir Cecil
Smith's reply, which will no doubt be pub-
lished in due course.

The N. P. steamer *Albatross* arrived at China
on the 10th inst.

The silk or N. P. steamer *Patagon* arrived in
New York on the 11th inst.

The Band of the American flag ship *Olympia*
will play at the Hongkong Club this evening
during dinner hours.

The P. M. steamer *City of Rio de Janeiro*,
with mails, &c., left Shanghai for this port on
the 17th inst. at 10 a.m.

It is reported that the Osaka Steamship Co.
intend shortly starting a line of steamers to
run between Hongkong and Formosa.

William's Circus advertises their closing per-
formance for to-night and to-morrow. There
will be an afternoon performance to-morrow.

Dr. G. E. Morrison, the Times correspondent
and author of "The Opium Problem in China,"
arrived from Bangkok by the *Loosy* yesterday.

There will be a pick up cricket match at 11 a.m.
to-morrow on the Cricket Ground. It may
be signed in the Cricket Pavilion and in the
Hongkong Club.

The C. M. steamer *Arcturion*, from Glasgow
and Liverpool, passed the Canal on the 17th inst.,
and may be considered due at Singapore on
or about the 6th prox.

Mr. J. S. Scombs Smith, Acting Police
Magistrate, opened the monthly Criminal Sessions
at the Supreme Court yesterday, but as the
proceedings were adjourned to the 19th inst.,
the attention of many people immediately concerned in the trials
was of many not so immediately concerned,
the Court was adjourned until Monday morning.

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